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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

1. (canceled).
2. (previously presented) An electrical wiring device for use in an electrical distribution system, the device comprising:
 - a body member;
 - at least one terminal disposed in the body member and configured to be coupled to the distribution system; and
 - a three-positional wiring mechanism including a wiring post element coupled to the at least one terminal and a pressure plate coupled to the wiring post element, the wiring post element also including a speed wire mechanism, the wiring post element and the pressure plate being configured to couple wire to the three-positional wiring mechanism in a back-wire method wiring position, a side-wire method wiring position, and a speed-wire method wiring position.
3. (currently amended) The device of claim [[1]]2, wherein the wire is disposed between the pressure plate and the wiring post element in the back-wire method wiring position.
4. (currently amended) The device of claim [[1]]2, wherein the wire is disposed between a terminal screw and the pressure plate in the side-wire method wiring position.
5. (currently amended) The device of claim [[1]]2, wherein the speed-wire assembly includes a spring element coupled to the wiring post element and an aperture in communication with the spring element, the wire being inserted in the aperture and engaged by the spring element in the speed-wire method wiring position.

6. (currently amended) The device of claim [[1]]2, wherein the wiring post element and the speed wire mechanism are an integrally formed member.
7. (currently amended) The device of claim [[1]]2, wherein the speed wire mechanism and the wiring post element are not an integrally formed member.
8. (previously presented) The device of claim 7, wherein the speed wire mechanism includes a spring element coupled to the wiring post element.
9. (currently amended) The device of claim [[1]]2, wherein the pressure plate further comprises:
 - a substantially planar portion having a first substantially planar surface and a second substantially planar surface;
 - a terminal screw aperture disposed in the substantially planar portion;
 - at least one inner stand-off member disposed about the perimeter of the terminal screw aperture, the at least one inner stand-off member extending from the first substantially planar surface; and
 - at least one outer stand-off member disposed on an exterior portion of the substantially planar portion and extending from the first substantially planar surface, the at least one outer stand-off member and the at least one inner stand-off member forming a wire-passageway on the first substantially planar surface.
10. (previously presented) The device of claim 9, wherein the at least one outer stand-off member includes a first outer stand-off member and a second outer stand-off member, the first outer stand-off member being larger than the second outer stand-off member, the first outer stand-off member being configured to be inserted into the wiring post element.
11. (previously presented) The device of claim 10, wherein the wire is disposed in the wire passageway between the first substantially planar surface and the wiring post element in the back-wire method wiring position.

12. (previously presented) The device of claim 9, wherein the wire is disposed between the second substantially planar surface and a terminal screw disposed in the terminal screw aperture in the side-wire method wiring position.

13. (currently amended) The device of claim [[1]]2, further comprising a speed wiring assembly, the speed wiring assembly comprising:

a speed wire aperture disposed in the body member and configured to provide access to an interior portion of the body member;

the wiring post element coupled to the body member such that the speed wire mechanism is in communication with the speed wire aperture, the speed wiring mechanism being configured to captivate the wire when the wire is inserted into the speed wire aperture.

14. (previously presented) The device of claim 13, wherein the speed wire mechanism includes an arm member integrally formed with the wiring post, the arm member being configured to captivate the wire when the wire is inserted into the speed wire aperture.

15. (previously presented) The device of claim 13, wherein the speed wire mechanism includes a spring arm member coupled to the wiring post, the spring arm member being configured to captivate the wire when the wire is inserted into the speed wire aperture.

16. (currently amended) The device of claim [[1]]2, further comprising at least one electrical receptacle electrically coupled to the at least one terminal.

17. (currently amended) The device of claim [[1]]2, further comprising at least one electrical switch electrically coupled to the at least one terminal.

18. (currently amended) The device of claim [[1]]2, further comprising at least one protective device electrically coupled to the at least one terminal.

19. (currently amended) The device of claim [[1]]2, wherein the protective device includes a ground fault circuit interrupter.